



President's Message

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Welcome everyone to the April 2014 Presidents message. First of all, I would like to thank John Van Rompu for his efforts in running the web site. John has stepped down from that position due to health issues. I was talking to John and he is on the mend and feeling better every day. Ann has stepped up to do this job as well as the others she presently does.

A very interesting CAOAC meeting last month. First of all, thanks to Ed Bosker for the wonderful Pea Soup he cooked and donated to Ways and Means, to go with our coffee and pastries. It was a much appreciated gesture on a cold and windy day and enjoyed by all. All reports from all committee chairs are due at the April meeting, so please, if you have yours done, get them to Ann so she can get them ready for the AGM at the CAOAC Convention.

We have also added a few other additions to the meetings to keep them fresh and interesting. Ask your club representative and they can bring you up on the changes we have made. Our 50/50 draw was won by myself.

The CAOAC convention is fast approaching on the May 16th to 18th weekend. Great work to the Durham Region Aquarium Club. Check their web-site for all the details and prices. This should be a great event

May you never step on a round nugget in the woods, it may be a left over from the Easter Bunny.

Enjoy Easter, to one and all.

Ron Bishop
President CAOAC



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Executive Meeting – March 16, 2014

Called to order at 11:25 by Ron Bishop (President) at Optimist Hall, Waterdown.

Executive Attendance

Position	Name	Absent/Present
President	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Present
1 st VP		
2 nd VP	Ken Boorman (CKAS)	Absent
Corresponding Secretary	Ann-Marie Towell (CAS)	Absent
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens (HDAS)	Present
Treasurer	Albert Van Montfort (HDAS)	Present
Past President	Claudia Carthew (SCAAS)	Absent
Also In Attendance:	Ed Bosker (HDAS)	Annette Bishop (LAS)
		Peter Melady (SAS)

Old Business

After a lengthy discussion, a decision to nominate Peter as 2nd Vice President was made by the executive, as outlined in the by-laws. Ken will move up to 1st Vice President. Ken was not able to attend the meeting, however, he did join the meeting late and he approved the motion. Carried.

Executive Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter by Ann, seconded by Albert. Carried

Business Arising:

Bob did sponsor his own class and paid, the other CAOAC sponsorship was due by us. This is now a closed issue.

Discussion in regards to the hospitality suite snacks. Will review with membership.

Creation of a welcome package will be reviewed later.

Albert made a motion to replace the seal. CAOAC seal, Udo replied it cost about \$50.00 - 75.00.

Second Peter. Carried.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Ann seconded by Peter. Carried

New Business

A motion to suspend the Web Award based on the recommendation of the Awards Committee, starting with the 2014 - 2015 year by Peter, seconded by Albert.

Adjourned at 12:03 by Peter, second by Albert.

Treasurer's Report

1	Treasurer's Report (March 16, 2014)	TD Bank (January 31, 2014)	\$ 11,516.82
2	Cash on Hand \$ 0.00		-
3	Paypal - February 16, 2014 - \$ 1,122.36		-
4	Cheques on hand \$ 0.00		-
5	Total \$ 1,122.36	Sub-Total	\$ 11,516.82
6	Cheque's #		-
7	Cash Deposits		-
8	Cheque Deposits		\$ 240.00
9	Transfers - Deposits		-
10		TD Bank - February 28, 2014	\$ 11,756.82
11	Outstanding Cheques # 165		-\$ 145.80
12	Terry Little Memorial Fund		-\$625.00
13	Working Balance		\$10,986.02

General Meeting

Called to order at 12:18 by President Ron.

Committee Chairs

Position	Name	Absent/Present
President	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Present
1 st VP	Ken Boorman (CKAS)	Present (Skype)
2 nd VP	Peter Melady (SAS)	Present
Corresponding Secretary	Ann-Marie Towell (CAS)	Absent
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens (HDAS)	Present
Treasurer	Albert Van Montfort (HDAS)	Present
Past President	Claudia Carthew (TFCEC)	Absent
Club	Name	
Betta Breeders	Catharine Salmon	
Brantford AS		
Calgary AS		
Chatham-Kent AS	Lisa Boorman (Skype)	
Durham Region AS	Barry McKee	George Banavage
Hamilton District AS	Albert Van Montfort	

General Meeting

Kitchener-Waterloo AS	Zenin (Skype)	
London AS	Annette Bishop	
Peel AS		
Sarnia AS	Peter Melady	
St. Catharines		
Ottawa Amphibian	Tom Mason	
Guests:	Ed Bosker (HDAS)	

Business Arising from Executive Meeting

Motion to appoint Peter as 2nd VP and Ken to move to 1st VP.

Motion to accept the minutes by Barry, seconded by Albert.

Motion made by Catharine to read:

In order to hold a position on the executive or committee chair or committee member of CAOAC you must be a member through either a CAOAC club or a CAOAC private membership.

Seconded by Brian.

Since this is the second reading as a change to the By-Laws, this will be voted on at the April general meeting (correction from last month's minutes which stated Annual General Meeting).

Annual Reports due by the April meeting

John Van Rompu has had to step down due to health issues. Since Ann has been back up, she will step into the position for now.

Treasurers report

See Executive meeting for details of the Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve by Ken seconded by Tom. Carried

Correspondence

Ann Marie emailed her report. It read as follows:

Quick report from me as I have our auction tomorrow and won't be able to attend. (I'm auction chair). I do have to send the card out to Paul MacIntosh and I have an email that I have to respond to from someone who wants to film our convention (assuming they're not doing it for free). I am a bit behind on some of my emails due to a death in the family and being laid off.

Old Business

Hospitality Suite – Ann shared the list and asked for feedback. It was felt that less snack variety would be better. Barry will check for availability of an ice machine at the college.

AHD - no report

Awards - Since the last General CAOAC meeting in February, we have managed to have our Awards meeting.

Committee Chairs

Title	Name	
AHD	Ann Marie Towell	Absent
Awards	Peter Melady	Present
Breeders	Lisa Boorman	Skype
Binder	Ann Stevens	Present
FAAS	Ken Boorman	Skype
Fish Rescue	Tom Mason	Present
Judges	Brian Glazier	Absent
Membership	Albert van Montfort	Present
Open Show	Barb Draper	Absent
Programs	Ken Boorman	Skype
Steering	Barry McGee	Present
Ways & Means	Annette Bishop	Present
Webmaster	Ann Stevens	Present

While our main objective is evaluating the current year's applications, we have taken the time to evaluate our existing awards and if necessary, make recommendations to change them. The changes that we have made are as follows:

1. Add Madagascar cichlids and *Etoplus canarensis* and *suratensis* to the General Merit Award Target list.
2. Add to the Cichlids Merit Award, the requirement of Target Cichlids at the Advanced & Senior level.
3. We feel that the Web Award has outlived its usefulness. Year after year we are getting feedback that sites are not up to date and no effort seems to be made to keep them relevant. While a few clubs are making some effort, this year's award will be the last.
4. Another award that we are struggling with is the Newsletter Award. Lots of clubs say they are interested (see our survey results on the subject) but year after year only one or two apply. While we haven't made a move to stop awarding this, we want clubs to know that we are considering it. If we get the same poor turnout next year we will revisit this award with a view to eliminating it.
5. The Authors/Advanced Authors Awards were originally set up as Recognition Awards to recognize outstanding merit in the writing of articles. Authors were evaluated as to quality and a winner chosen.

Over the course of time, or recently, it has changed and become an "Achievement" Award, meaning that after you wrote a required number of articles with reprints, you got the award.

General Meeting

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There is no merit requirement involved. Last year we made a change to the requirements to try and get back to this being RECOGNITION.

The committee feels that the message has not been fully conveyed. Starting immediately, the Authors Award will be judged to be more of an Achievement meaning that if you write articles as before, along with reprints, if available, you will be eligible for the award...ONCE. After that you would work towards an Advanced Authors Award which will be judged on outstanding merit. This means that you may or not be awarded it. It will be an Achievement Award. As such, the Authors Award is going to be a Certificate and the Advanced Authors Award will be a Plaque.

Binder – Once I get full use of both hands, I will start to create the page on the web, updating any links as I go.

Breeders – More submissions from Hamilton. Ron presented some First in Awards at the Hamilton meeting.

FAAS – no update, still trying to improve the web site

Fish Rescue – picked up some fish (3 piranhas, 2 Oscars and a pleco, all in the same tank) about 4 weeks ago in St. Thomas.

Judges – Brian was unable to attend, however, he's still looking at having a judges meeting.

Memberships – The late fee will be on the renewal form in future.

Open Shows – no report

Programs - Ken got the box of programs at awards meeting. He's amazed at how many are not pertaining to fish. He will make an itemized, descriptive list with a brief info for review.

Steering - Barry to send email re: anyone wanting to run for a position and advising nominations close at the break of the April meeting.

Ways & Means – Still in the positive. Barry, George, Tom, Ron and Annette brought items for the raffle.

Ed brought pea soup for everyone to eat for donations.

Website – Updates completed.

Club Reports

Betta -

Brantford – Show & auction March 29. Still looking for sponsors.

Calgary – We are in the middle of our show and auction. Mike Hellweg and Birgir Kamprath both spoke and it's going well. Tomorrow will be one of our biggest auctions in some time with over 550 items. Should be fun!!

Chatham-Kent – Quiet meeting, one member went to the Vancouver Aquarium and reported, going well with some renewals. .

Club Reports

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Durham – Membership is currently 76.

Our Annual Social Dinner was February 22 with guest speaker Gary Lange on Gathering Rainbowfish in New Guinea. There was 55 people attending and all enjoyed Gary's talk and the auction of a variety of Rainbow eggs.

The DRAS Speaker Program for the following four months includes:

- March 18th, 2014 - Tom Mason – COTERC & Costa Rica
- April 8th, 2014 - Peter De Souza (Southern Ontario Killifish Society) - Killifish
- May 13th, 2014 - Ken Boorman (Chatham Kent Aquarium Society & ANGFA) - Non-Rainbowfish species of Australia and New Guinea
- June 10th, 2014 - Nathan Lujan (University of Toronto) - Loricariidae

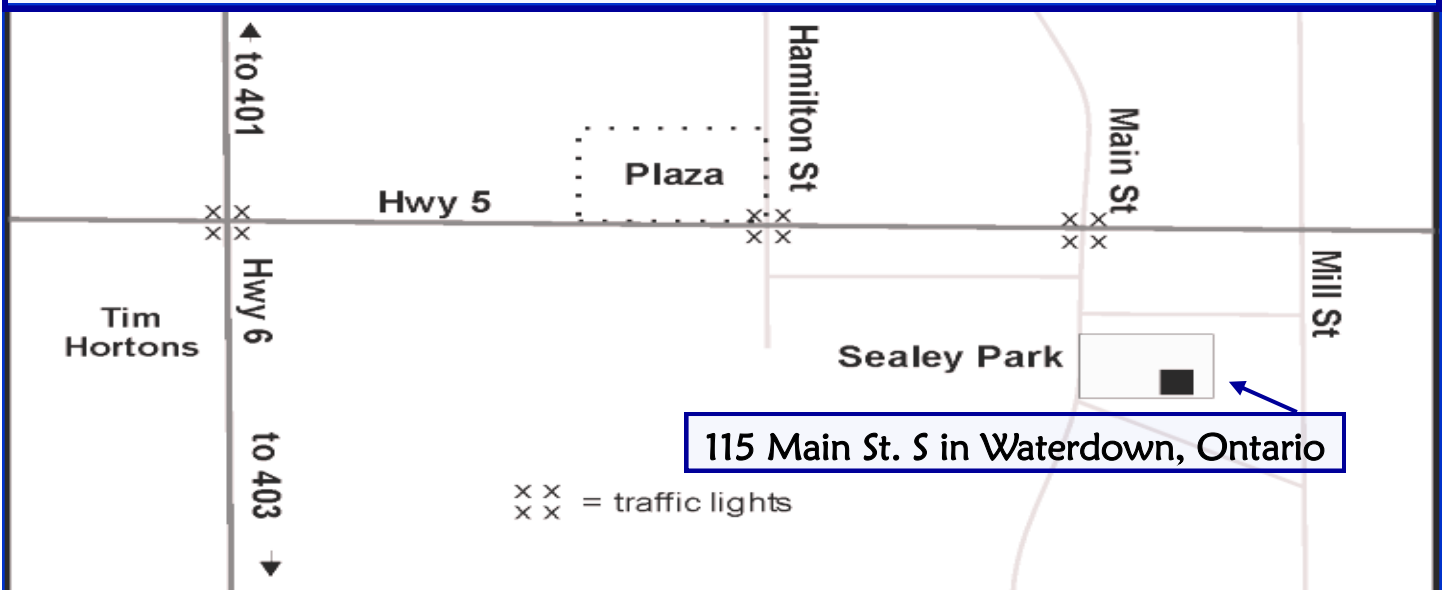
DRAS "Aquariuma" is on April 6th, 2014. Vendor expo and our Buck a Bag auction continues.

Hamilton - Ron Bishop spoke last month on gadgets and gizmos. Hamilton show and auction on March 22nd. Doors open at 8:00.

Kitchener - Our March meeting featured Tommy Lam from Shrimp Fever giving a presentation on setting up a tank for Shrimp.

Show Jar Classes were Characins as well as Dwarf Cichlids, postponed from January. The Kwas executive have booked a bus for a trip to Ripley's Aquarium in Toronto for Saturday April 12th. Kwas is hosting a Dinner event on Saturday June 14. Spencer Jack from Winnipeg will be giving two presentations; "Fish Farms Around the World" and "Comparing New World to Old World Cichlids". All are welcome to join us.

For more information in regards to events listed above, please check their website or members.



Club Reports

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London – We had to move our meeting to the first Tuesday in March due to March break. For the first time in quite some time we did not have a speaker.

We watched one of the DVD's that CAOAC has available for the clubs to use. It was about planting an aquarium. It was interesting and informative and provoked some discussion.

We tried a novelty bowl show for the first time. We had 3 entries. Weather and the change of dates may have played a role in lower attendance.

Our one unsung hero was Eric Gessinger.

Ottawa Amphibian – nothing to report.

Sarnia – Our Spring Auction is April 12th at the Sarnia Christian School, Exmouth Street, Sarnia. Our March General meeting will feature a speaker from Bluewater Power, our local Hydro utility, who will talk about the actual costs of running our equipment. The April meeting will be a field trip to Bluewater Fish Hatchery. This is a Salmon and Trout fish hatchery that raises the fish from eggs for re-introduction into the lakes. It should be interesting..

St. Catharines - last month we had a CAOAC program about basic fresh water setups and there where about 26 people to the meeting. Our next meeting will be April 7th and we will have a representative from Northfin premium fish foods speaking to us about nutrition.

Thank you Barry, Annette, Peter and Zenin for sending their reports prior to the meeting.

Old Business

Ken asked if anyone had indicated about hosting the 2015 convention. If CAOAC is hosting, we need to start looking at speakers now. Ron asked if anyone is thinking about it. Catherine indicated that they are looking at it but do not have enough funds right now.

Convention 2014

CAOAC Convention Toronto 2014

Information and Registration on the DRAS Website <http://www.dras.ca/content.php/225-caoac-cares-convention-2014>

Speakers include:

Dr. Paul Loiselle

Dr. Hernán López-Fernández

Don Conkel

David Price

Scott Dowd

New Business

Thanks for all who donated today.

50/50 draw was for \$10. Won by Ron and he donated half back. Raffle made \$24.

Motion to adjourn by Peter and seconded by Tom. Meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.



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C.A.O.A.C. Events Calendar - 2014

April

6 - Durham & Region Aquarium Society Aquariana Auction. Check [here](#) as more details become available.

12 - Sarnia Aquarium Society spring auction, click [here](#) for more details

27 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON

27 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON - **deadline for executive nominations**

May

4 - London Aquarium Society Spring Auction, Dorchester, ON Details will be found [here](#)

16-18 CAOAC Annual Convention hosted by the Durham Region Aquarium Society. Check the [convention page](#) for a link to updates.

June

22 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON

22 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC President's Barbecue & Award Presentations, Waterdown ON -

22 - 1:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON

September

21 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON

21 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON

October

19 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON

19 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON

November

16 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON

16 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON

December

14 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON

14 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON



Want to participate in the meeting??

Can't make a meeting in person but would like to attend via Skype. You can, just look up Ann Stevens our Recording Secretary and add her to your list. Search for user Nov18angel and then let Ann know prior to the meeting, and she will sign onto Skype and accept your call.